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OF

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Theological Institute of Connecticut,

PRESENTED TO THE

PASTORAL UNION,

At their Annual Meeting in East-Windsor,

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R E P O R T .

THE Trustees of the Theological Institute in presenting to the Pastoral Union their Fourth Annual Report, feel themselves called upon to acknowledge with gratitude the kindness of our Heavenly Father, in preserving, during the past year the lives and health of the Trustees, Faculty, and Students of the Seminary, and in continuing to prosper the work of our hands. Truly, hitherto the Lord hath helped us, and while we give to him all the glory, we would be encouraged to confide in his protection and blessing for the time to come.

It is now hardly five years since the memorable day when the Pastoral Union was organized, and when after much prayerful deliberation it was resolved to lay the foundation of this school of the prophets. This resolution was adopted in humble dependence on the aid and blessing of the Great Head of the Church ; and thus far he has seemed to smile on our enterprise even beyond our most sanguine expectations. Already we are permitted to rejoice in beholding the fruit of our labors. Not only is the Seminary in successful operation ; but more than fifty young men have already enjoyed the privileges which it affords, and nearly thirty have completed their course of study, and become preachers of the everlasting gospel. Who of us expected that so much would be accomplished in so short a period. In view of such results of our labors, undertaken amid so many discouragements, we are constrained to exclaim, "What hath God wrought ! "

During the past year the internal state of the Seminary has been in a peculiarly prosperous condition. The number of students has been rising of thirty. Great harmony has prevailed among them ; and their attention to study and general deportment have been such, as to be highly gratifying to their teachers, and to give promise of future usefulness. The committee appointed to attend the annual examination, say in their report ; " we attended the exam-

ination of the Junior, Middle, and Senior classes in the several departments and various branches of study; the original languages and interpretation of the scriptures, biblical and ecclesiastical history, theology, the order and government of the church, and the composition of sermons. The examination was thorough and critical and conducted in such a way as to exhibit the full attainments of the students. No undue prominence was given to particular subjects to the exclusion of others; but all received that attention which is adapted to make the thoroughly furnished laborer in the work of the ministry. The members of the seminary sustained the examination in a manner honorable to themselves and their teachers; and we express our decided conviction that the Institution is under such regulations, and pursuing such a course of study, as entitle it to the full approbation of its guardians and patrons."

In reference to the pecuniary concerns of the Institute, the Prudential Committee state, that it has been their object to bring the expenditures within as narrow a compass as possible; and aside from the salaries of the officers, very little has been expended during the past year. A sufficient amount has been collected to pay the interest of our debt, and to meet the current expenses.

The labors of the Rev. Mr. Calhoun as our agent have been suspended since the last of April, 1837, on account of the pecuniary embarrassments of the country; so that no new subscriptions have been recently obtained. But we are called upon to acknowledge with gratitude the receipt of a valuable bequest the past year. Mr. Alva Gilman, late of Hartford deceased, signified to his heirs on his death-bed, his wish that his property in Toledo, Ohio, might be conveyed to this Institution. They have very cheerfully complied with his wishes, and the conveyance has accordingly been made. What the present value of this property is, we are unable to state. It is real estate for which Mr. Gilman paid, between three and four years ago, something rising of two thousand dollars. It is supposed to have increased considerably in value since that time. It is hoped that this example will stimulate others to remember this infant Seminary when called to make a final disposal of their earthly estates.

The Institute has now in possession, besides the public buildings, two dwelling houses with necessary out buildings, occupied by the President and the Professor of Biblical Literature.

Total cost of all the buildings,	\$22,332
Lands,	4,669
Village Lots in Toledo, lately given to the Institute, estimated at	3,000
Personal Property, consisting of Furniture, Tools, &c.	1,637
Library, estimated at	6,000
There is due on subscriptions \$11,476, of which is considered good, 5,000	
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	\$42,638
The Institute owes,	9,600
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Balance of property,	\$33,038

Had all the subscriptions been paid as they fell due, the Institution would at this time have been free from debt; with a balance in the Treasury almost sufficient to meet the expenditures of another year. But the unparalleled pecuniary embarrassments which have prevailed for the last two years have put it out of the power of several of the large subscribers to pay any thing, and rendered it useless to send agents for the purpose of obtaining new subscriptions. We have therefore refrained for the last year and a half from making any appeal to the public. But we can consistently delay no longer. To liquidate our debt and provide for future wants, it is important that new subscriptions should be immediately obtained; and we trust that the friends and patrons of the Institution will be prompt to supply its wants.

It has never been the desire of the Trustees to accumulate a large amount of permanent funds. Our prayer has been "give us this day our daily bread;" and thus far, our request has been granted. It is believed that there is no other similar institution in the land whose operations are conducted with so little expense. If our debt was discharged, an annual income of less than three thousand dollars would be sufficient to meet our ordinary expenditures. Will the numerous friends of this Institution, esteem it a burden to furnish this amount?

In regard to manual labor, we would state that the students generally continue to manifest a commendable degree of interest in the subject; and we cannot doubt that it has contributed greatly to the vigorous state of health which has so generally prevailed among them.

In conclusion, we would express our earnest prayer, that the blessing of Heaven may continue to rest on this infant seminary.

May its guardians, and teachers, and students be plentifully endowed with the spirit of their divine master. May they so discharge their respective duties, as to receive at last, the benediction, "well done good and faithful servants."

Amount received of Subscribers to the Theological Institute of Connecticut, from May 1st, 1837, to August 6th, 1838.

<i>Hartford.</i>		Amount brought up	1275	49
Rev. A. S. Kennedy	\$250	<i>Windsor.</i>		
Rev. Wm. W. Turner	25	Rev. Charles Walker,	11	
Doct. Milo L. North	25	Phoeba Ellsworth	10	
Doct. Silas Fuller	10	Mary Ellsworth	10	
Fontiune Raphel	20	Leavit Ellsworth	5	
Richard Seymour	5		— 36	00
James B. Hosmer	25	<i>Wethersfield.</i>		
Eliphalet Terry	200	Rev. C. J. Tenney, D. D.	5	
Seth Terry	150	Mrs. Ruth Tenney	5	
T. D. & S. Boardman	50	Eunice Harris	2	
George Goodwin	25	Phoeba Douglass	3	
Geo. Goodwin, Jr. and	100 99	Chester and Martha	250	
H. & E. Goodwin,		Bulkley		
Total,	885 99	John Williams, Esq.	20	
<i>West-Hartford.</i>		Romanta Wells	10	
Dea. Roderick Colton	10	Thomas Griswold	5	
<i>East-Hartford.</i>		Abraham Skaats	3	
Samuel Pitkin, Esq.	51 50		— 303	00
George Goodwin, Jr.	25	<i>Bristol.</i>		
	— 76 50	Rev. D. L. Parmelee	50	
<i>Manchester.</i>		Doct. S. Willard	20	
Alexander McKee,	1 00	Elisha C. Brewster	20	
<i>East-Windsor.</i>		Wells R. Byington	10	
Rev. J. Cogswell, D. D.	200 00	Chauncey Jerome	20	
Rev. Asahel Nettleton	40	Chauncey Ives	25	
Chauncey Ellsworth	10	L. C. Ives	40	
Joshua Risley	10	Eli Lewis	3	25
Roger Burnham	20	John Birge	20	
A Friend	2	Eli Darrow	20	
	— 282 00	Gad & Sheldon Lewis	10	
<i>Enfield.</i>		Noble Jerome	20	
Rev. Francis L. Robbins	5	Thomas Barnes	20	
Eben Parsons	15	Noah Lewis	10	
	— 20	Chauncey Boardman	20	
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Amount brought over	1922	74	Amount brought up	2229	24
Elias Ingraham		5	Dea. John Sprague		5
Ransom Mallory		5		— 20	00
Erastus Case		20			
Burton Pond		10	<i>Columbia.</i>		
	— 348	25	Dea. Benjamin Lyman	1	
<i>Somers.</i>			Daniel Hunt	5	
Emery Pease, Jr.		10		— 6	00
Samuel D. Galpin		5			
Oliver Chapin		3	<i>Eastford.</i>		
Charles Morgan		3	Benjamin Bosworth, Esq.	30	
Abel Sexton		2	<i>Thompson.</i>		
Horace Meacham		2	Rev. Daniel Dow	10	
Erasmus D. Russ		2	Jason Phillips	5	
Marcus Woodward		3	Lyman Upham	5	
Hubbard Arnold		2	Mrs. Abigail Dresser	2 50	
Jonathan Clark, Jr.		5	A Friend 1. Ditto. 25 cts.	1 25	
Ebenezer Clark		5		— 23	75
Jesse Meacham		2	<i>Brooklyn.</i>		
Elam Kellogg		1	Mrs. Sarah Tyler	15	
Anna C. Davis		1	<i>Windham.</i>		
Jerusha Pease		50	Rev. William Harris,	5	
	— 46	50	<i>New London.</i>		
<i>Vernon.</i>			Thomas Williams	80	
Benjamin Talcott		25	<i>Norwich.</i>		
<i>Stafford.</i>			Hon. James Lanman	10	
Miner Grant		10	<i>Lyne.</i>		
			Charles Griswold	25	
<i>Willington.</i>			<i>East Haddam.</i>		
Rev. Francis Woods		10	Rev. Isaac Parsons	5	
<i>North Coventry.</i>			Dea. John Percival	5	
Rufus B. Chamberlin		25	Jeremiah Hutchins	2	
Jasper Gilbert		25	Nathaniel Chapman	5	
Francis Loomis		20	Daniel S. Chapman	1	
DeLilley & Z. Loomis,		20	Jonah Gates	1	
Jeduthan Hubbard		20	Widow Statira Fuller	5	
Harvey Kingsbury		10	Mrs. Harriet Brainard	2	
Lyman Talcott		10	A Friend	50	
Nathan H. Rose		5		— 26	50
Dr. Timothy Dimock		5	<i>Middle Haddam.</i>		
	— 140	00	Eleazer Tallman	5	
<i>North Mansfield.</i>			<i>Essex.</i>		
Rev. William Ely		20	Capt. H. L. Champlin	10	
<i>Andover.</i>			Capt. William Pratt	5	
Rev. Alpha Miller		5	Sundry Persons	17 80	
Mrs. Ruth Miller		5		— 32	80
Estate of Josiah Miller		5	<i>Branford.</i>		
			Rev. T. P. Gillett	8	
	2229	24		2501	29

Amount brought over	2501	29	Amount brought up	3057	37
<i>East Haven.</i>			<i>New-York.</i>		
Rev. Stephen Dodd	45		William W. Chester	100	00
<i>Fairfield.</i>			Shepherd Knapp	100	
Rev. Lyman Atwater	5		Peter Morton	50	
<i>North Fairfield.</i>			Leonard Corning	50	
A Friend	5		Drake Mills	200	
Society of N. Fairfield	4		J. Cleaveland	10	
	— 9		F. S. Kenney	34	
<i>Bridgeport.</i>			Alanson Trask	10	
Rev. A. Hewitt, D. D.	30	92	Horace Holden	20	
Lockwood DeForest	100	00	Dr. Elijah Mead	5	
Individuals of Church	120			— 579	
and Society	— 250	92	<i>Brooklyn, N. Y.</i>		
<i>Greenwicheh.</i>			S. Benjamin	50	
Rev. Isaac Lewis, D. D.	20		Ira Tompkins	10	
<i>North Stamford.</i>			Thomas Baylies	10	
Rev. Henry Fuller	15		Cyrus P. Smith	10	
<i>Brookfield.</i>				— 80	
Rev. Abner Brundage	50		<i>Troy, N. Y.</i>		
<i>Litchfield.</i>			Joseph Russell	100	
Obed Buell,	5		<i>Enfield, Mass.</i>		
<i>Bethlem.</i>			Alvin Smith, Esq.	25	
Joseph Bellamy	10		<i>Bolton, Mass.</i>		
Elizabeth Hillhouse	10		Evangelical Church	100	
	— 20		<i>South Hampton, Mass.</i>		
<i>Winchester.</i>			Theodore Parsons	19	
Rev. Frederick Marsh	10		Eliphalet Hatch	2	
<i>New Hartford.</i>				— 21	
Dea. John Brown	10		<i>Munson, Mass.</i>		
Estate of Jona. P. Marsh	16	66	Joel Norcross	100	
Mrs. Richards	2		David Lewis	1	
	— 28	66	George W. Holmes	2	
<i>Goshen.</i>			Mrs. Sarah Flint	20	
Samuel Lyman	25			— 123	
George Stanley	37	50	<i>Providence, R. I.</i>		
Abraham Norton	20		S. Hutchins	25	
Uri Wadham	15		<i>Vienna, Ohio.</i>		
	— 97	50	Mrs. Laura Darrow	40	
	3057	37	Total,	4150	37



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